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who submits an application to a regulatory authority for a permit to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§ 778.8 Information collection.

The collections of information contained in part 778 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* and assigned clearance number 1029-0117. The information collected will be used by the regulatory authority to ensure that all legal, financial, and compliance information requirements are satisfied before issuance of a permit. Persons intending to conduct surface coal mining operations must respond to obtain a benefit. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Re-

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§ 778.9 Certifying and updating existing permit application information.

In this section, “you” means the applicant and “we” or “us” means the regulatory authority.

(a) If you have previously applied for a permit and the required information is already in AVS, then you may update the information as shown in the following table.

If . . .	then you . . .
(1) All or part of the information already in AVS is accurate and complete.	may certify to us by swearing or affirming, under oath and in writing, that the relevant information in AVS is accurate, complete, and up to date.
(2) Part of the information in AVS is missing or incorrect	must submit to us the necessary information or corrections and swear or affirm, under oath and in writing, that the information you submit is accurate and complete.
(3) You can neither certify that the data in AVS is accurate and complete nor make needed corrections.	must include in your permit application the information required under this part.

(b) You must swear or affirm, under oath and in writing, that all information you provide in an application is accurate and complete.

(c) We may establish a central file to house your identity information, rather than place duplicate information in each of your permit application files. We will make the information available to the public upon request.

(d) After we approve an application, but before we issue a permit, you must update, correct, or indicate that no change has occurred in the information previously submitted under this section and §§ 778.11 through 778.14 of this part.

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§ 778.11 Providing applicant and operator information.

(a) You, the applicant, must provide in the permit application—

(1) A statement indicating whether you and your operator are corporations, partnerships, associations, sole proprietorships, or other business entities;

(2) Taxpayer identification numbers for you and your operator.

(b) You must provide the name, address, and telephone number for—

(1) The applicant.

(2) Your resident agent who will accept service of process.

(3) Any operator, if different from the applicant.

(4) Each business entity in the applicant’s and operator’s organizational structure, up to and including the ultimate parent entity of the applicant and operator; for every such business entity, you must also provide the required information for every president, chief executive officer, and director (or persons in similar positions), and every person who owns, of record, 10 percent or more of the entity.

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(c) For you and your operator, you must provide the information required by paragraph (d) of this section for every—

- (1) Officer.
- (2) Partner.
- (3) Member.
- (4) Director.

(5) Person performing a function similar to a director.

(6) Person who owns, of record, 10 percent or more of the applicant or operator.

(d) You must provide the following information for each person listed in paragraph (c) of this section—

(1) The person's name, address, and telephone number.

(2) The person's position title and relationship to you, including percentage of ownership and location in the organizational structure.

(3) The date the person began functioning in that position.

(e) We need not make a finding as provided for under § 774.11(g) of this subchapter before entering into AVS the information required to be disclosed under this section; however, the mere listing in AVS of a person identified in paragraph (b) or (c) of this section does not create a presumption or constitute a determination that such person owns or controls a surface coal mining operation.

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§ 778.12 Providing permit history information.

(a) You, the applicant, must provide a list of all names under which you, your operator, your partners or principal shareholders, and your operator's partners or principal shareholders operate or previously operated a surface coal mining operation in the United States within the five-year period preceding the date of submission of the application.

(b) For you and your operator, you must provide a list of any pending permit applications for surface coal mining operations filed in the United States. The list must identify each application by its application number and jurisdiction, or by other identifying information when necessary.

(c) For any surface coal mining operations that you or your operator owned or controlled within the five-year period preceding the date of submission of the application, and for any surface coal mining operation you or your operator own or control on that date, you must provide the—

(1) Permittee's and operator's name and address;

(2) Permittee's and operator's taxpayer identification numbers;

(3) Federal or State permit number and corresponding MSHA number;

(4) Regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the permit; and

(5) Permittee's and operator's relationship to the operation, including percentage of ownership and location in the organizational structure.

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§ 778.13 Providing property interest information.

You, the applicant, must provide in the permit application all of the following information for the property to be mined—

(a) The name and address of—

(1) Each legal or equitable owner(s) of record of the surface and mineral.

(2) The holder(s) of record of any leasehold interest.

(3) Any purchaser(s) of record under a real estate contract.

(b) The name and address of each owner of record of all property (surface and subsurface) contiguous to any part of the proposed permit area.

(c) A statement of all interests, options, or pending bids you hold or have made for lands contiguous to the proposed permit area. If you request in writing, we will hold as confidential, under § 773.6(d)(3)(ii) of this chapter, any information you are required to submit under this paragraph which is not on public file under State law.

(d) The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) numbers for all structures that require MSHA approval.

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§ 778.14 Providing violation information.

(a) You, the applicant, must state, in your permit application, whether you,